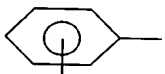


R represents an alkylene or cycloalkylene radical or a bivalent aromatic radical having from 6 to 15 carbon atoms,

n represents an integer such that the molecular weight of the recurring unit is between 400 and 5,000,

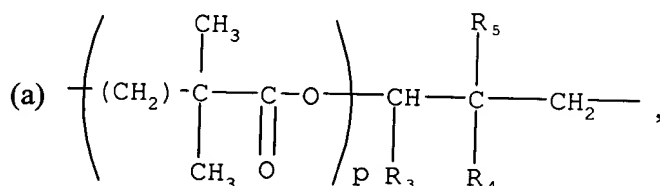
R₁ represents a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of:

(i) $-(CH_2)_m-$, m being an integer between 2 and 12, and

(ii) , the movable bond being in the ortho, meta or para

position,

R₂ represents a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of:

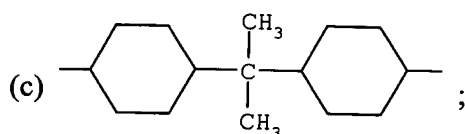
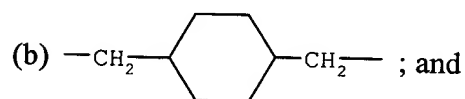


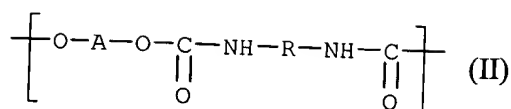
R₃ representing a hydrogen atom or a branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

R₄ representing a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R₅ representing a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and

p being 0 or 1;

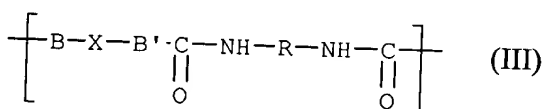




in which:

R is as defined above for the units of formula (I),

A represents an alkylene radical having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms, substituted with a carboxylic acid function; and



Σ 1 could in which:

R is as defined above for the units of formula (I),

B and B', which are identical or different, represent -O- or -NH-, it not being possible for B and B' simultaneously to represent -O-, and

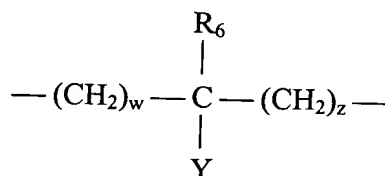
X represents an alkylene or cycloalkylene radical having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms or a bivalent aromatic radical having from 6 to 12 carbon atoms,

wherein the mole ratio between the units (II) and units (I) being between 1:1 and 10:1,

wherein the carboxylic acid function is neutralized with a neutralizing agent selected from the group consisting of an inorganic base and an organic base, the degree of neutralization being between 20 and 100%, and

wherein the average diameter of the particles is between 5 and 300 nm.

30. (Amended) Stable pseudolatex according to claim 20, wherein in said polyester polyurethane the bivalent radical A of the unit of formula (II) is chosen from the group consisting of:

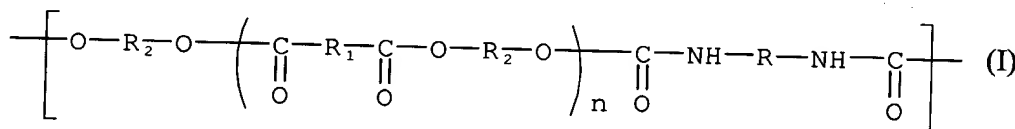


R₆ representing a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

Y representing a carboxylic acid group, or a salt thereof and

w and z, which are identical or different, representing an integer between 1 and 5.

50. (Amended) A stable pseudolatex comprising in suspension in an aqueous phase particles of non-crosslinked neutralized polyester polyurethane, wherein the polyester polyurethane contains units corresponding to the following formulae (I) and (II):



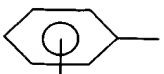
in which:

R represents an alkylene or cycloalkylene radical or a bivalent aromatic radical having from 6 to 15 carbon atoms,

n represents an integer such that the molecular weight of the recurring unit is between 400 and 5,000,

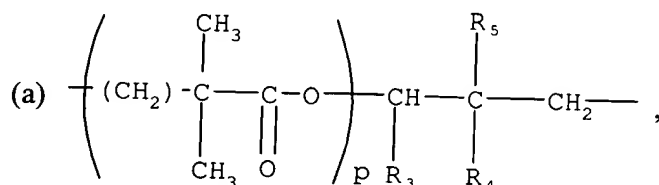
R₁ represents a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of:

(i) $-(\text{CH}_2)_m-$, m being an integer between 2 and 12, and

(ii) , the movable bond being in the ortho, meta or para

position,

R_2 represents a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of:

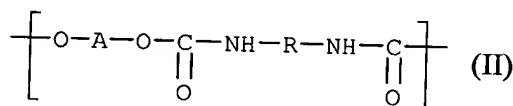
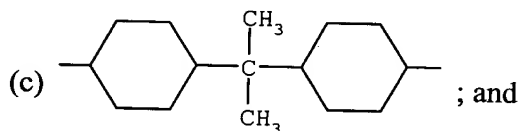
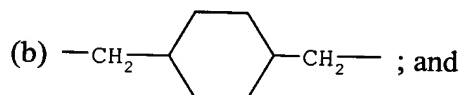


R_3 representing a hydrogen atom or a branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

R_4 representing a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R_5 representing a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and

p being 0 or 1;



in which:

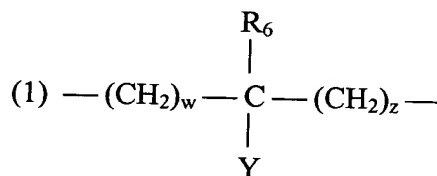
R is as defined above for the units of formula (I),

A represents an alkylene radical having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms, substituted with a sulphonic acid function, or interrupted by a tertiary nitrogen atom;

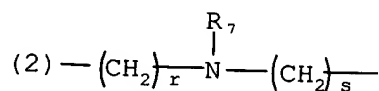
wherein the mole ratio between the units (II) and units (I) being between 1:1 and 10:1,
 wherein the sulphonic acid function is neutralized with a neutralizing agent selected
 from the group consisting of an inorganic base and an organic base, and the tertiary nitrogen
 atom is neutralized with a neutralizing agent selected from the group consisting of an
 inorganic acid and an organic acid, the degree of neutralization being between 20 and 100%,
 and

wherein the average diameter of the particles is between 5 and 300 nm.

60. (Amended) Stable pseudolatex according to claim 50, wherein in said polyester polyurethane the bivalent radical A of the unit of formula (II) is chosen from the group consisting of:



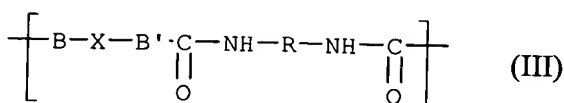
R₆ representing a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms,
 Y representing a sulphonic acid group or a salt thereof, and
 w and z, which are identical or different, representing an integer between 1 and 5



R₇ representing a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
 and

r and s, which are identical or different, representing an integer between 1 and 10.

64. (Amended) Stable pseudolatex according to claim 50, wherein said polyester polyurethane further contains units corresponding to the following formula (III):



in which:

R is as defined in claim 50 for the units of formula (I),

B and B', which are identical or different, represent -O- or -NH-, it not being possible for B and B' simultaneously to represent -O-, and

X represents an alkylene or cycloalkylene radical having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms or a bivalent aromatic radical having from 6 to 12 carbon atoms.

REMARKS

Claims 20-79 are pending herein. Claims 41-49 and 71-79 have been withdrawn from consideration by way of a prior Restriction Requirement. By this Amendment, claims 20, 30, 50, 60 and 64 have been amended to address the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as discussed below.

No new matter is added by this Amendment. The amendments to claims 30 and 60 to change the formula variables from "p" and "q" to "w" and "z," respectively, merely alters the letters used to identify the variables, and does not redefine the variables differently than described in the specification.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

A. Claims 20-40, 60 and 64

Claims 20-40, 60 and 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserted that the use of the term "may be" in claims 20, 30, 60 and 64 was indefinite. While Applicants respectfully disagree, Applicants have amended each of